

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-122-C - ORDER NO. 98-694  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1998

IN RE: Application of TresCom U.S.A., Inc. for a ) ORDER APPROVING  
Certificate of Public Convenience and ) REQUEST FOR RELIEF  
Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold ) OF BOND  
Telecommunications Services within the State ) REQUIREMENT  
of South Carolina. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of TresCom U.S.A., Inc. ("TresCom") requesting that the Commission relieve TresCom of the requirement of posting a bond for the provision of providing debit card, or prepaid calling card services.

By Order No. 96-592 dated August 27, 1996, in this Docket, the Commission granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to TresCom to provide long distance telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. TresCom also received authority to provide debit card, or prepaid calling card services. As a requirement of proving debit card, or prepaid calling card services, the Commission required TresCom to post a bond in the amount of five thousand dollars. The Commission also provided in Order No. 96-592 that the bond requirement would be reviewed annually to ascertain the necessity for continuing the bond requirement. TresCom complied with the bond requirement and posted the bond with the Commission.

TresCom now requests that the Commission consider removing the bond requirement from TresCom's debit card service offering.

In support of its request, TresCom stated that it has successfully provided debit card and other long distance services to consumers in the State of South Carolina for almost two years. TresCom also submitted the 1997 Form 10-K of TresCom's parent company, TresCom International, Inc. to establish that TresCom has sufficient financial resources to warrant the removal of the bond requirement.

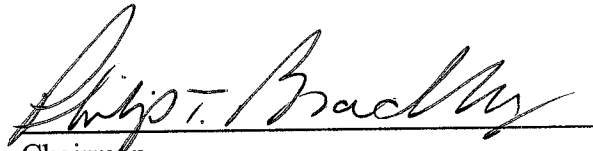
Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds that the relief requested by TresCom should be granted. The Commission Staff informs the Commission that it has reviewed the financial information supplied by TresCom and that the Staff has no objection to the removal of the bond requirement as it applies to TresCom. The Commission therefore finds and concludes that TresCom possesses sufficient means and resources and has a demonstrated track record which would justify the removal of the bond requirement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

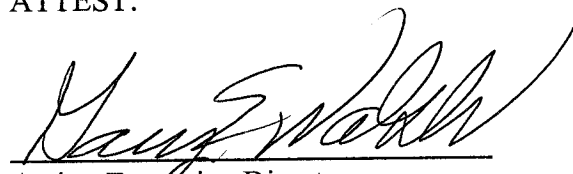
1. TresCom is hereby relieved of the requirement contained in Order No. 96-592, dated August 27, 1996, that TresCom post a bond as a condition of providing debit card, or prepaid calling card services in South Carolina.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Acting Executive Director

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